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EXDIS, FOR AMB. PORTER FROM ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF: JIDDA 6072

1. YOU CAN ASSURE THE SAUDIS IN WRITING THAT THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO IN THE SAUDI COMMUNICATION OF AUGUST 28, 1976 WILL NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY ADVERSELY AFFECT DELIVERY OF OR PAYMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

2. DEFENSE PLANS TO PRESENT REQUEST FOR THE INITIAL PAYMENT OF DOLS 63.5 MILLION FOR THE JORDANIAN PROGRAM THROUGH USMTM TO THE APPROPRIATE SAUDI AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. THIS WOULD BE NORMAL CHANNEL.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE--ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT YET BE CERTAIN-- THAT WE WILL HAVE TO DRAW ON THE FMS KITTY FOR MODEST SUMS

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IN ADVANCE OF THE INITIAL SAUDI PAYMENT. THIS MAY DEPEND

ON HOW SOON THE CONTRACTORS PRESENT THEIR BILLS TO DEFENSE.

4. ALL OF US HERE HAVE ADMIRED YOUR DEFT HANDLING OF THIS
DELICATE AND TRICKY PROBLEM, AND SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT THE
PROGRAM CAN NOW GO FORWARD IN A MORE NORMAL FASHION. KISSINGER

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